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NEWSLETTER

August 2020

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Welcome to the August 2020 issue of your newsletter



Now half way through the year and it seems incredible that we have spent much of that time learning how to live and stay safe during a global pandemic.

This is the fourth month that the newsletter has only been published digitally, but I'm delighted to say that, all being well, the September issue will be popping through your letterboxes once again - sadly without all the colour of the digital editions. However all the editions are held on the village website and can be read on-line should you wish to.

Also on the website you will find information relating to the village, including its history and Parish Council information.

<http://wetheringsettcumbrockford.onesuffolk.net/>

Don't forget your entries for the competition to design new signage for our freshly refurbished Village Hall—details on page 6, Enjoy your August and stay safe everyone.

Cally (Editor)

Newsletter Distribution

Thank you



As we look forward to the re-appearance of printed copies of our newsletter next month it is time to say "thank you" to Rose, who is stepping down after distributing the newsletter on the Mendlesham side of Brockford for several years.

Thank you Rose.



We are looking for a volunteer to take over this round.

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Village Hall News



Over the last few months, work has been continuing with the Village Hall refurbishment. Huge thanks are due to Vicky and Jamie Dreher for what they have achieved so far.



We are now looking at how we comply with Covid 19 regulations in order to ensure the safe use of the Hall when it is reopened.

We are hopeful that procedures will be in place by September, in which case we will arrange an open afternoon so that villagers can see what has been done.

As before, our primary aim is to ensure that the Village Hall is an amenity for the village, and the long-term aim is to raise funds for a new facility. To do this we will need to

demonstrate that the Village Hall is needed and used by the community.

Covid 19 regulations mean that, in the immediate future, the way we use the hall may be different and the numbers allowed in at any one time may be limited but, the Hall has served Wetheringsett- cum- Brockford for almost 100 years, let's try and keep it for future generations.



Your Village Hall



COMPETITION!

Needs You!

To design a sign

Our beautifully refurbished Hall is in need of new signage and so the Village Hall Committee is running a competition for a new sign.

The sign will be placed on the main wall as you approach the entrance of the Hall, in this, its centenary year.

The competition ends in September - so get designing now!

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Snippets from the Village History

The Village Hall written by Katie Goudy

In 1931 the Conservative Association asked permission to hold a Whist Drive in the Hall the following January, this was granted on condition that NO POLITICAL SPEECHES of any kind were made, and the fee to be 10/-

In 1932 the Men's Club asked permission to have boxing in the Hall. Permission was given providing an instructor was present, and rubber shoes or boots were worn.

The Football Club was granted the use of the gents' dressing room for a dressing room for the season's matches at a fee of 10/-. The new Rector of the village (Rev. W H Lillie) wished to form a Young Men's Club, and asked for the use of the Hall for that purpose. It was decided to charge 3/- each evening.

In 1935 there was a Jubilee Fund balance of 18/8½ this was to be given to the Hall funds towards new curtains, but as the Woman's Institute had already raised enough for the curtains, it was suggested the money be spent in covering Whist tables, to which all agreed.

Towards the end of 1936 a new oil lamp had to be purchased, although one committee member did propose waiting for electric light which was on the way, but the general feeling was that it would not be installed this winter so a new lamp was essential.

The Women's Institute also gave a gift of money to purchase small table cloths for the Whist tables.

More next month on the history of the Village Hall



What did August say when June claimed that today is the last day of the month?
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There is no browsing of books or use of computers, nor printing, faxing or photocopying.

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You can use the Advanced Search at <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk> to check which titles are available at Debenham. Under "location", choose or tick Debenham.

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Friends of Debenham Library Summer Reading Challenge 2020

This year the Summer Reading Challenge, children aged 4 to 11, will be organised online. You will need to register at www.sillysquad.org.uk. Books can be borrowed from the library (see above), or you can use eBooks or audiobooks.

School corner, Debenham IP14 6PL (next to the Primary School). Opening hours:

Tuesday: 0930 am – 1300 pm

Wednesday : 1500 am – 1930 pm

Saturday: 0900 am – 1300 pm

Sunday: 1200 am – 1600 pm

Ipswich Mobile Library Route 7

Coronavirus update:
The mobile library service resumes from 6th July
The Home Library Service remains suspended until further notice.

Thursday 27th August

Brockford Street	Old Griffin	1245–1300
Wetheringsett	Hockey Hill	1405–1420
Wetheringsett	Wetherup Street	1430–1445
Wetheringsett	Park Green	1450–1505

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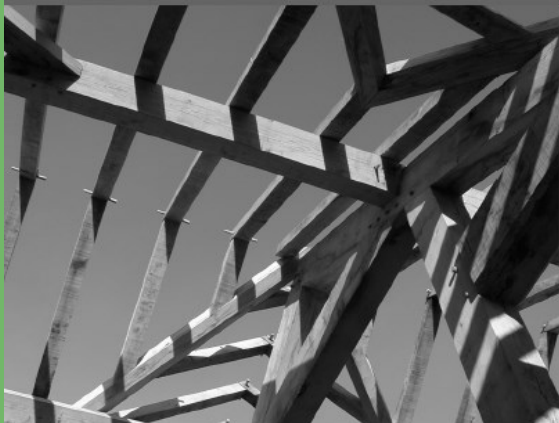
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Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council

Report on the video meeting held

Monday 6th July 2020

Neighbourhood Plan – the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Group joined the meeting to report on progress. The Group is also meeting virtually and a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website has been created to keep parishioners informed with progress – website address as follows:

<https://plan.wetheringsett.com>

The designated area of the village to be covered by the plan has yet to be approved by MSDC and grant funding also to be confirmed. It was reported there had been some feedback from some parishioners regarding the selection of the working group. If there are still parishioners willing to join the group to help with the detailed work required please do let the Parish Council know, you will be very welcome.

Parish Council members thanked the Chairman for her report and offered its full support to the Group.

Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan – notification has been received of consultation with neighbouring parishes on the draft Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan. Parishioners are able to make comment on the draft, the consultation document can be accessed via the MSDC website at

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/ThorndonNP

The consultation is open for comments until 4pm Friday 14 August 2020. Please do take time to view and comment on the document.

Village Hall – the meeting received an update on maintenance work. The re-decorating and floor refurbishment work is complete and maintenance issues in the cloakrooms complete. The hall will now be ready for use by the School when it returns in September and the committee is looking into setting up an Online Booking system for any other users of the hall. The meeting recorded thanks to Cllrs Mrs Sue Gibbs and Mike Pease for overseeing the maintenance work which has been necessary to ensure the continued use of the building pending a future new building.

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Wetheringsett Play Area – due to covid 19 new rules have been agreed for use of the play equipment and Notices erected to the following effect:

Children to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times; Parents/guardians to ensure the following: bring their own hand sanitizer for cleaning children’s hands before, at regular intervals during and after use of equipment – in the absence of sanitizer children are requested to refrain from using the equipment; ensure physical distancing between children at current 1 metre plus; children to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth; ensure children under your care have regard to the safe use of equipment and the safety of others at all times; adhere to the most up to date health advice; NO CONSUMPTION OF FOOD OR DRINK IN THE PLAY AREA AT THE PRESENT TIME.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE RULES.

Parishioners Video Link available on the Agenda displayed on parish notices boards and website.

Next meeting – Monday 3 August 2020, 7pm via Micro Soft Teams.

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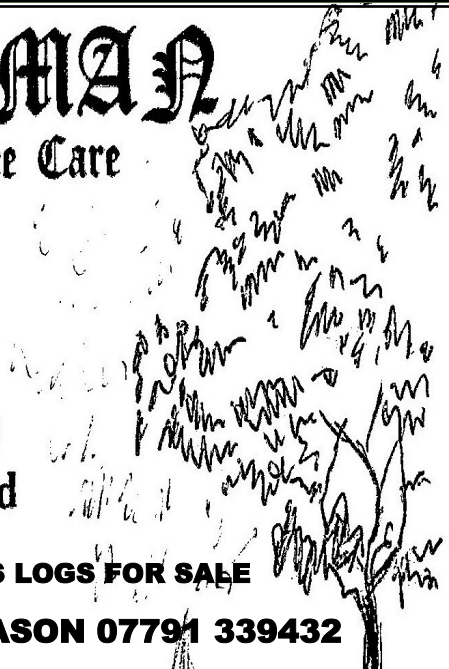
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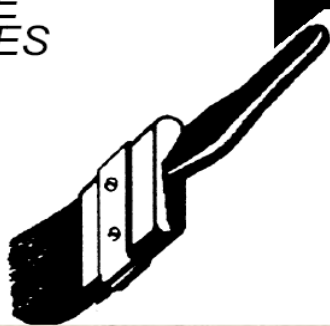
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South Hartismere Benefice

August Newsletter: Open Churches



Dear Friends,
During August some of your churches will be opening for public worship after many months of closing the doors as a result of Covid-19.

Although the Government guidance stated that places of worship could open from 4th July, I am sure you can imagine the challenges of putting in place a risk assessment for ancient buildings!

Our first priority is to protect, as much as we possibly can, the health and safety of worshippers and worship leaders, so we will gradually ease our way into a new way of working. This will mean a new worship pattern for the next few months, beginning on Sunday 2nd August. For the time being, the churches will remain closed for 72 hours after a service or a session of being open for private prayer.

Many of us have been changed and challenged by our experiences, our normal routines have been suspended, some of us feel drained and exhausted by the effects of lockdown, while others have been energised by it. There is still a degree of anxiety and uncertainty about the current situation, so we need to be gentle with ourselves, rebuild relationships that have been put on hold, and gather safely to worship together. We will be continuing our on-line worship, and make provision for those who may not feel able to return to church just now; but above all we will be looking at the place of the church in our communities.

The virus highlighted, on a global scale, the issues of isolation, loneliness, illness, poverty, death and bereavement. The churches have always responded to these challenging times in people's lives, and will continue to do so long after Covid-19.

If anything positive can come out of our recent experiences, it is a call to reshape our way of being church into the future, so that we can serve our communities and continue to be there for you at the most difficult of times.

I look forward to worshipping with you again, to give thanks for all that has been good in our lives, to grieve for all those who have died during this pandemic, to pray for their families, and to seek ways of strengthening our pastoral care and practical help.

I really hope you will join me on the journey!

Blessings,
Julia

South Hartismere Benefice

Continued:

We would like our churches to be able to continue when lockdown ends! and some of them are coming very close to going into the red. We need our communities to get behind us if our churches are to continue to be a beacon of hope in each village.

With this in mind we are planning a **Grand Craft Fair and Exhibition: Life in Lockdown**, (hopefully during September) so could you support us by using lockdown to make or produce things that could be sold - **knitted, crocheted or sewn items; jams, chutneys or preserves, plants and garden produce; dried flower arrangements, natural craft items/Christmas table decorations; greetings cards, woodwork items etc.** and on the day **cakes/savouries and refreshments**. We would also love to receive paintings, artwork, poems or reflections and photos on the theme of lockdown. It will be good to have something to focus on and I am so looking forward to being out and about among you again! In the meantime – stay safe, look after yourselves, and be in touch if I can help in any way.

With love and prayers,

Julia

Are you feeling isolated and anxious because of the coronavirus?

We want to assure you that the church community remembers and prays for those who are in any kind of need.

Please call Julia on **01379 678064** or email **rev.julialall@gmail.com**
[if you would like prayer, conversation or practical support.](#)

August

- ⇒ The eight month of the year
- ⇒ Respected and impressive

is an example of a **Homonym** ... a word spelt and pronounced the same, but with different meanings.

How many homonyms can you think of?

South Hartismere Benefice is planning a
Grand Craft Fair and Exhibition
“Life in Lockdown”

Can you help with any of the following, please -



Also -

paintings, artwork, poems or reflections and photos on the theme of lockdown.

(Further information will be made available)

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ALL SAINTS

WETHERINGSETT-CUM-BROCKFORD

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cancelled

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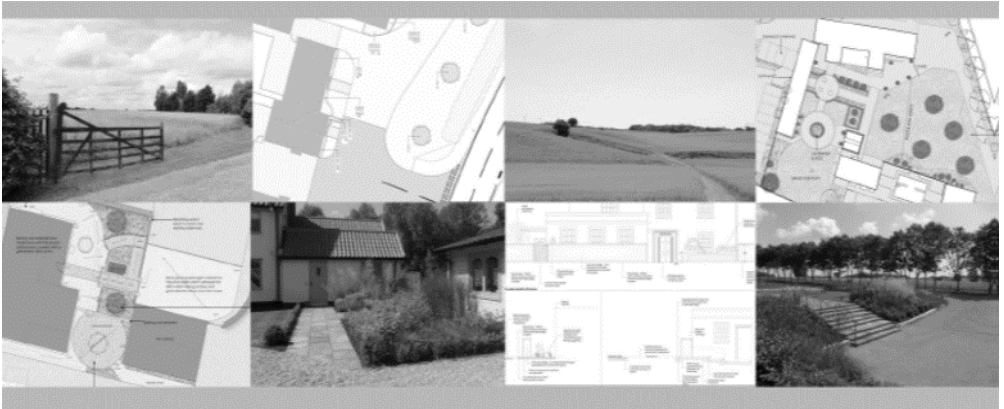
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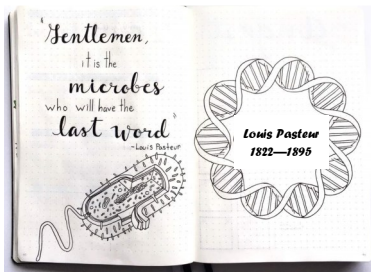
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